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SUBJECT: R/V ATLANTIS II RESEARCH CRUISE

1. R/V ATLANTIS II OPERATED BY WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH CRUISE DURING 13 JAN - 2 FEB 1977 OFF THE COAST OF INDIA. THE SHIP WILL SAIL FROM GOA, CONDUCT ITS RESEARCH AND THEN SAIL TO KARACHI. THE RESEARCH INVOLVES A CHEMICAL AND MICROBIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF OXYGEN-DEPLETED WATERS OF THE ARABIAN SEA. WATER SAMPLERS, PLANKTON NETS, AND SEDIMENT CORERS WILL BE USED. THE RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND RESEARCH CLEARANCE IS NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRED. WOODS HOLE IS ARRANGING PORT CALL CLEARANCES THROUGH LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT.

2. DR. DEUSER, THE CHIEF SCIENTIST FROM WOODS HOLE, HAS WRITTEN TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THE CRUISE. HE RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM DR. RAO (NIO) EXPRESSING THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING BUT ADVISING THAT THE GOI WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THEIR PARTICIPATION.

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT DR. RAO TO EXPRESS
THE DEPT'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THE CRUISE.

DR. RAO MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE AGENCY INVOLVED IN
APPROVING THEIR PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY'S ENDORSEMENT
OF CRUISE TO GOI MAY BE HELPFUL AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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